

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification on page one to add the following as the first paragraph in the application:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) from United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/271,778, filed February 27, 2001, and is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority from WO 00/56988, filed March 24, 2000 titled "Immortal Microvascular Endothelial Cells And Uses Thereof," which claims priority to the United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/126,015, filed March 24, 1999.